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Preliminary Report

U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSION C146C
flown 3 August 1966

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MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

25X1 Mission C146C, flown 3 August along the China coast
[REDACTED] was over Communist China for approximately
one hour and obtained photographic coverage of 39 COMSEC
25X1 targets (see Table 2). The map opposite shows the mission
flight path. This mission was flown in response to [REDACTED]
requirements against targets [REDACTED]

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Three fighters, one probably a MiG-21, were noted in
reaction to the mission. Only one fighter, the MiG-21,
attempted to intercept the U-2.

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BACKGROUND

Mission C146C successfully overflew the

China on 3 August 1966.

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Turning south, the aircraft paralleled the coastline to a point just south of Swatow, exiting the mainland at 0437Z. Landing at 0557Z, the aircraft was aloft for three hours and twenty-seven minutes and spent one hour and three minutes over denied territory. The pilot reported the weather over the route as CAT I (clear).

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ANALYTICAL FINDINGS

AIR DEFENSE REACTIONS

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Fighter Reactions—At least three fighters in two reactions [redacted] to the mission. The U-2 pilot reported observing two fighters, one which he identified as a possible MiG-21. The type of fighters and their staging area were not identified in available information. The closest approach to the mission by the first reaction was 6.5 nm. At this time the fighter was approximately 19,000 feet below the U-2. The second reaction approached to within 10 nm of the mission. Only [redacted]

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Preliminary analysis of the mission shows that 73 targets, including 39 on the COMOR list, were photographed. These targets included 6 coastal defense sites, 7 radar sites, 7 airfields, 14 naval installations, 32 army installations, and 6 transient tactical targets. The COMOR targets are listed in Table 2.

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TABLE 2

COMOR TARGETS COVERED BY MISSION C148C

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HUNG YANG Army Barracks
PU TIEN Army Barracks
CHUAN CHOU Army Barracks
LUNG TIEN Airfield
LUNG CHI Airfield
LU CHIAO Airfield
CHING YANG Airfield
SHA CHENG Port Facilities
SHAN TOU Naval Base
MA WEI Naval Base
HUNG LAI Army Barracks
FU TING Army Barracks
HSIANG KOU Army Barracks
HAN CHIANG Army Barracks
CHANG CHOU Army Barracks
HSIEN YU Army Barracks
CHIN CHIANG Army Barracks
FU CHING Army Barracks

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TABLE 2 (continued)**TA YU CHIH Army Barracks****CHAO AN Barracks****KENG WEI Army Barracks****LO CHI Army Barracks****LIEN CHIANG Army Barracks****AN HAI Army Barracks****TAN YANG Army Barracks****HAN AN Army Barracks****CHANG CHI Barracks****SHAN TOU Army Barracks****FU CHOU Army Barracks****TUNG HOU Army Barracks****TUNG AN Army Barracks****HAN TAI Storage Area****WEN CHOU Complex****SHAN TOU Complex****FU CHOU Complex****HSIA MEN Complex****TOP SECRET**

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